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- Consumer prices in B.C. rise 1.7% in December
- Manufacturing sales inch ahead 0.9% in November
- British Columbia welcomed 1.5% more non-resident travellers in November

### Prices

- Consumer prices in British Columbia climbed 1.7% between December 2010 and December 2011. Higher prices for energy (+4.9%) and food (+3.9%) were the main drivers of inflation in December. Excluding food and energy, consumer prices in B.C. would have risen 0.9%.

The cost of food continued to rise in December as restaurant meals (+2.3%) and grocery bills (+4.9%) took a larger bite out of household budgets. Fresh vegetables (+14.1%), fresh fruits (+10.0%) and non-alcoholic beverages (+9.1%) all saw notable price hikes compared to the previous year.

Prices associated with shelter were only marginally higher (+0.4%) in December, with a slight drop in home ownership (-0.5%) tempering increases in utilities (+3.5%). Prices associated with rental accommodations inched ahead 0.9%. Household operations & furnishings (+2.5%) were also more costly.

Transportation cost consumers 2.5% more, chiefly because of higher prices for gasoline (+5.9%) and intercity transport (+7.8%). Sticker prices on motor vehicles, on the other hand, were generally lower compared to last year (-1.3%).

Prices for clothing & footwear (+3.3%) rose relatively sharply for a second straight month, largely due to an increase in the cost of women's apparel (+6.5%). Health & personal care (+0.7%), education & reading material (+1.5%) and alcohol & tobacco products (+1.6%) were all higher in December. Mean-

while, recreation took a smaller slice out of household budgets (-1.3%).

*Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- Nationally, consumer prices rose 2.3%, with B.C. posting the lowest rate of inflation in the country. New Brunswick (+3.3%) and Newfoundland & Labrador (+3.2%) recorded the biggest jumps in prices, followed by Alberta (+2.9%) and P.E.I. (+2.9%).

*Data Source: Statistics Canada*

### The Economy

- Manufacturers in British Columbia posted a slight gain in sales (+0.9%, *seasonally adjusted*) in November following back-to-back monthly declines. Increased shipments by machinery (+5.4%) and paper (+3.3%) producers contributed the most in dollar terms. However, the largest month-over-month growth in sales was registered by makers of beverage & tobacco products (+8.3%) and transportation equipment (+8.2%).

Nationally, manufacturing sales rose 2.0% in November, reflecting increased shipments by producers of machinery (+13.4%), motor vehicles (+7.1%) and petroleum & coal products (+3.9%). Manufacturing sales were up in nine provinces, with Newfoundland & Labrador (+20.8%) posting the largest rate of growth. Significant contributions were also made by Alberta (+5.9%) and Ontario (+2.0%). New Brunswick (-4.0%) was the only province to see sales shrink in November.

*Data Source: Statistics Canada*

- Wholesalers in British Columbia registered a slight (+0.3%, *seasonally adjusted*) increase in revenue in November. At the na-

## Did you know...

At 78,609 tonnes, B.C. accounted for just 1% of total Canadian potato production in 2011.

Data Source: Statistics Canada

tional level, wholesale sales slipped 0.4%. Weaker revenues in Saskatchewan (-5.0%), Alberta (-0.7%) and Ontario (-0.1%) accounted for most of the decline in dollar terms.

Data Source: Statistics Canada

- **Non-resident travel to Canada via British Columbia rose 1.5% (*seasonally adjusted*) in November.** Visitor entries from the United States were up 1.1%, entirely due to a 3.1% increase the number of overnight stays. Same-day trips by Americans, on the other hand, slumped 2.9%. Total non-US entries were also higher (+2.5%), with a larger number of both European (+3.3%) and Asian (+1.6%) visits. Entries from the rest of the world were also up (+3.1%) in November.

Data Source: Statistics Canada

- **The number of new motor vehicles sold in British Columbia fell 4.8% (*seasonally adjusted*) in November, chipping away at gains made during the previous three months.** Fewer overseas-built cars and North American-built trucks rolled off dealership lots during the month and was the chief reason for the overall decline.

Nationally, new motor vehicle sales dipped 1.0%. The biggest declines in sales were experienced in Saskatchewan (-11.7%), Nova Scotia (-9.9%) and P.E.I. (-6.9%). Quebec (+2.5%) and Ontario (+0.9%) were the only provinces to post increased sales.

Data Source: Statistics Canada & BC Stats

- **The number of Employment Insurance (EI) beneficiaries receiving regular benefits in British Columbia inched 1.2% (*seasonally adjusted*) higher between October and November.** However, compared to November 2010, this number dropped 25.9% with all twenty-five population centres recording a decline in the number of recipients. Nationally, the number of people collecting regular EI benefits was down 0.3% in November.

Data Source: Statistics Canada

### Cancer Survivor Rates

- **British Columbia's five-year relative survivor rate for all cancers taken together inched**

ahead from 58% in 1992/1994 to 60% in 2001/2003.<sup>1</sup> Relative survivor rates vary widely depending on the type and primary location of the cancer. Five-year relative survival rates for cancers of the pancreas (4%), esophagus (4%) and lungs (13%) were low, and were fair for colon cancer (60%). Relatively high survivor rates were recorded for women with breast cancer (88%) and men with prostate cancer (95%). Significantly improved from 1992/1994 was the five-year survivor rate for non-Hodgkin lymphoma, which had improved 12 percentage points to 63% by 2001/2003.

Data Source: Statistics Canada

### Oops!

In last week's Infoline, we reported on year-to-date building permit values that were subject to a calculation error. A corrected version of the bullet follows:

- **Year-to-date, building permits were 6.6% lower than in the first eleven months of 2010, with decreases in six regions.** Planned spending on construction projects was down in all regions of the province except North Coast (+149.8%) and Northeast (+20.6%), where a surge in the value of industrial projects teamed up with steady increases in other sectors.

Nechako (-33.2%) recorded the biggest drop, followed by Kootenay (-25.2%), Thompson/Okanagan (-24.4%), Cariboo (-24.0%) and Vancouver Island/Coast (-9.9%). Mainland/Southwest posted a more modest decline (-2.2%).

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<sup>1</sup> Cancer survivor rates are calculated based on three years of cases

## 2011 Sub-Provincial Population Estimates

### Provincial Estimates

BC's annual population growth slowed to 0.96% for the year spanning July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011, with an estimated increase in population of 43,674 persons. This brought the total up to 4,573,321 persons as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

### Sub-Provincial Estimates

BC Stats produces sub-provincial population estimates using the Generalized Estimation System (GES) on an annual basis. This regression model uses symptomatic indicators like health registrations and residential hydro hook-ups to gauge population growth from one year to the next. These estimates are helpful to local and provincial government planning processes.

### Regional District

Squamish-Lillooet led regional growth in 2011 (+2.6%) increasing its population by 1,035 persons. This is most likely a leftover effect from the 2010 Winter Olympic Games which drew a large number of spectators and prospective residents. Since 2006, this region has expanded by 13.0%—also the largest growth province-wide. Population growth in Northern Rockies was also strong (+1.9%), although this region has seen both ups and downs over the last five years. Central Okanagan was another regional district that has seen steady growth over the last five years (+11.8%), growing by 1.0% (1,845 persons) over the last year.

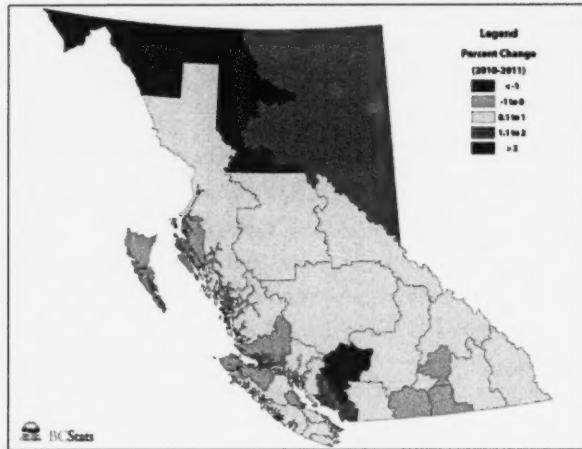
Greater Vancouver, the primary destination of choice for most immigrant landings, saw its population total jump by 30,970 persons during 2011.

### Regional District Population Change: 2010 to 2011

Regional District	2011	Change	% Change
Greater Vancouver	2,404,911	30,970	1.3
Capital	374,675	2,445	0.7
Fraser Valley	286,981	2,068	0.7
Central Okanagan	187,234	1,845	1.0
Squamish-Lillooet	41,379	1,035	2.6
Nanaimo	150,632	989	0.7
Peace River	64,280	929	1.5
Thompson-Nicola	132,352	751	0.6
Cowichan Valley	83,300	454	0.5
Cariboo	65,847	397	0.6
Sunshine Coast	30,357	382	1.3
Fraser-Fort George	96,928	380	0.4
Central Kootenay	60,681	319	0.5
Bulkley-Nechako	39,371	200	0.5
Comox Valley	64,805	182	0.3
Strathcona	44,498	125	0.3
Northern Rockies <sup>1</sup>	6,324	117	1.9
Columbia-Shuswap	53,748	84	0.2
Powell River	20,525	76	0.4
Kitimat-Stikine	39,702	70	0.2
East Kootenay	60,301	50	0.1
Alberni-Clayoquot	31,664	38	0.1
Central Coast	3,182	8	0.3
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	19,482	-10	-0.1
Mount Waddington	12,034	-17	-0.1
Kootenay-Boundary	31,851	-26	-0.1
Stikine	581	-33	-5.4
North Okanagan	83,052	-63	-0.1
Okanagan-Similkameen	82,644	-91	-0.1

(1) The Northern Rockies RD is comprised of the newly incorporated Northern Rockies Regional Municipality along with a small unincorporated population.

## Regional District Population Growth

**Municipal**

The coverage of BC's geographies using GES focuses on 189 areas comprised of 161 municipalities and some aggregated unincorporated areas. As expected, the former houses the largest demographic share (4,047,133 or almost 9 in every 10 persons), while the remainder (526,188) reside outside municipal boundaries.

Surrey continued to attract the most newcomers (11,027 persons), expanding by 2.4% compared to 2010, and outpacing the much larger municipality of Vancouver (8,391 persons; +1.3%) in both growth and volume. The difference in growth since 2006 in these two regions is also noticeable as Surrey expanded at almost double (+14.6%) the pace that Vancouver (+8.6%) has. Squamish's population grew 4.6% (or 820 persons) in the last year, driving the growth in the larger regional district. Langford also bolstered up the ranks (+1,113 persons; +3.8%), placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in terms of the GES-captured municipalities after Squamish in terms of growth. In fact, over the last five years, Langford has expanded its population by almost 30%, most likely due to available land capacity and its proximity to more densely-populated Victoria, the Capital's economic hub.

Saanich, one of the ten largest municipalities in BC, saw the departure of 108 persons ( -0.1%) in 2011. However, since 2006 this municipality has grown 2.1%.

## Top Fifteen Growths – Municipalities: 2010 to 2011

Municipality	2011	Change	% Change
Surrey	473,238	11,027	2.4
Vancouver	651,048	8,391	1.3
Burnaby	229,464	2,141	0.9
Nanaimo	86,961	1,474	1.7
Coquitlam	127,785	1,227	1.0
Abbotsford	139,343	1,204	0.9
Langford	30,263	1,113	3.8
Langley District Municipality	105,747	1,081	1.0
New Westminster	67,880	1,007	1.5
Maple Ridge	77,402	1,006	1.3
Chilliwack	78,898	945	1.2
Richmond	197,631	830	0.4
Squamish	18,712	820	4.6
Victoria	84,031	693	0.8
Kelowna	121,846	575	0.5

Parksville was another municipality that saw the departure of residents elsewhere (-244 persons; -2.1%). This is only a recent occurrence as 2011 showed a growth of 4.5% since 2006.

## Bottom Fifteen Growths – Municipalities: 2010 to 2011

Municipality	2011	Change	% Change
Smithers	5,347	-60	-1.1
Summerland	10,942	-62	-0.6
Oliver	4,478	-71	-1.6
Kitimat	9,098	-78	-0.9
Grand Forks	3,917	-80	-2.0
Qualicum Beach	8,646	-81	-0.9
Duncan	4,900	-85	-1.7
Whistler	10,437	-91	-0.9
Armstrong	4,413	-100	-2.2
Saanich	113,999	-108	-0.1
Hope	6,201	-119	-1.9
Comox	13,493	-147	-1.1
Cranbrook	18,932	-185	-1.0
Mission	37,372	-191	-0.5
Parksville	11,584	-244	-2.1

### British Columbia Regional District and Municipal Population Estimates

SGC	Name	Area Type							2010-2011 % Change
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
23000	Alberni-Clayoquot	RD	31,078	31,141	31,439	31,580	31,626	31,664	0.1
23008	Port Alberni	C <sup>1</sup>	17,615	17,624	17,681	17,763	17,747	17,836	0.5
23025	Tofino	DM	1,750	1,773	1,812	1,831	1,894	1,922	1.5
23019	Ucluelet	DM	1,522	1,545	1,577	1,593	1,605	1,634	1.8
23999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	10,191	10,199	10,369	10,393	10,380	10,272	-1.0
51000	Bulkley-Nechako	RD	38,866	38,474	38,788	38,908	39,171	39,371	0.5
51022	Burns Lake	VL	2,154	2,184	2,149	2,117	2,142	2,116	-1.2
51013	Fort St. James	DM	1,362	1,362	1,343	1,323	1,295	1,339	3.4
51009	Fraser Lake	VL	1,129	1,135	1,119	1,123	1,160	1,172	1.0
51032	Granisle	VL	365	377	390	396	396	389	-1.8
51034	Houston	DM	3,197	3,062	3,007	2,962	3,007	3,039	1.1
51043	Smithers	T	5,292	5,207	5,288	5,328	5,407	5,347	-1.1
51038	Telkwa	VL	1,333	1,332	1,359	1,359	1,402	1,441	2.8
51007	Vanderhoof	DM	4,172	4,144	4,123	4,148	4,047	4,114	1.7
51999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	19,862	19,691	20,010	20,152	20,315	20,414	0.5
17000	Capital	RD	355,872	359,304	364,107	368,024	372,230	374,675	0.7
17015	Central Saanich	DM	16,006	16,024	16,171	16,190	16,197	16,183	-0.1
17041	Colwood	C	15,260	15,582	15,948	16,194	16,574	16,721	0.9
17040	Esquimalt	DM	17,513	17,528	17,661	17,704	17,684	17,654	-0.2
17049	Highlands	DM	2,010	2,036	2,115	2,178	2,256	2,293	1.6
17044	Langford	C	23,513	24,766	26,123	27,362	29,150	30,263	3.8
17042	Metchosin	DM	4,969	5,061	5,108	5,139	5,306	5,326	0.4
17005	North Saanich	DM	10,923	10,875	11,045	11,034	11,108	11,128	0.2
17030	Oak Bay	DM	18,040	17,971	18,070	18,035	18,006	18,024	0.1
17021	Saanich	DM	111,575	112,072	113,203	113,656	114,107	113,999	-0.1
17010	Sidney	T	11,510	11,552	11,551	11,592	11,597	11,583	-0.1
17052	Sooke	DM	10,077	10,334	10,414	10,553	10,873	10,919	0.4
17034	Victoria	C	80,871	81,657	81,890	82,886	83,338	84,031	0.8
17047	View Royal	T	9,126	9,171	9,355	9,595	9,740	9,838	1.0
17999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	24,479	24,675	25,453	25,906	26,294	26,713	1.6
41000	Cariboo	RD	63,217	63,442	64,585	65,125	65,450	65,847	0.6
41005	100 Mile House	DM	1,912	1,919	1,933	1,943	1,954	1,974	1.0
41013	Quesnel	C <sup>1</sup>	9,475	9,504	9,627	9,722	9,743	9,947	2.1
41025	Wells	DM	236	244	257	257	278	304	9.4
41009	Williams Lake	C <sup>1</sup>	11,082	11,107	11,144	11,103	10,998	11,006	0.1
41999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	40,512	40,688	41,624	42,100	42,477	42,616	0.3
45000	Central Coast	RD	3,220	3,169	3,120	3,122	3,174	3,182	0.3
3000	Central Kootenay	RD	56,488	57,619	58,989	59,829	60,362	60,681	0.5
3045	Castlegar	C	7,360	7,510	7,631	7,881	7,877	7,911	0.4
3004	Creston	T	4,837	4,988	5,193	5,252	5,244	5,224	-0.4
3023	Kaslo	VL	1,073	1,167	1,170	1,186	1,183	1,184	0.1
3050	Nakusp	VL	1,524	1,512	1,523	1,532	1,536	1,532	-0.3
3015	Nelson	C <sup>1</sup>	9,327	9,475	9,803	9,951	9,791	9,804	0.1
3032	New Denver	VL	512	503	526	517	510	515	1.0
3011	Salmo	VL	1,008	1,027	1,048	1,061	1,070	1,073	0.3
3027	Silverton	VL	186	192	198	202	205	203	-1.0
3019	Slocan	VL	314	345	369	391	397	399	0.5
3999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	30,347	30,900	31,528	31,856	32,549	32,836	0.9
35000	Central Okanagan	RD	167,417	173,745	180,328	184,662	185,389	187,234	1.0
35010	Kelowna	C <sup>1</sup>	110,351	114,670	118,685	120,961	121,271	121,846	0.5
35016	Lake Country	DM	9,790	10,221	11,009	11,423	11,509	11,799	2.5
35018	Peachland	DM	4,938	5,113	5,222	5,250	5,170	5,160	-0.2
35029	West Kelowna	DM <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A	27,169	27,267	27,235	27,408	0.6
35999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	42,338	43,741	48,243	49,761	50,204	51,021	4.0
39000	Columbia-Shuswap	RD	50,725	51,593	53,182	53,780	53,664	53,748	0.2
39007	Golden	T	3,876	3,858	3,914	3,964	3,934	3,934	0.0
39019	Revelstoke	C <sup>1</sup>	7,288	7,273	7,288	7,276	7,269	7,329	0.8
39032	Salmon Arm	C	16,305	16,652	17,046	17,242	17,123	17,246	0.7
39045	Sicamous	DM	2,684	2,750	2,939	2,953	2,962	2,913	-1.7
39999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	20,572	21,060	22,015	22,345	22,376	22,326	-0.2

### British Columbia Regional District and Municipal Population Estimates

SGC	Name	Area Type	2010-2011					
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
26000	<b>Comox Regional District (See Notes)</b>	RD <sup>4</sup>	N/A	N/A	63,373	64,163	64,623	64,805
26005	Comox	T <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	13,265	13,460	13,840	13,493
26010	Courtenay	C <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	23,981	24,246	24,582	24,967
26014	Cumberland	VL	N/A	N/A	3,045	3,167	3,252	3,311
26999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR <sup>4</sup>	N/A	N/A	23,082	23,290	23,149	23,034
25000	<b>Comox-Strathcona (See Notes)</b>	RD <sup>4</sup>	103,129	104,927	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25034	Campbell River	C <sup>1</sup>	30,054	30,447	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25005	Comox	T <sup>1</sup>	12,401	12,721	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25010	Courtenay	C <sup>1</sup>	22,481	23,369	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25014	Cumberland	VL	2,765	2,880	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25025	Gold River	VL	1,371	1,411	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25039	Sayward	VL	341	326	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25030	Tahsis	VL	366	354	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25029	Zeballos	VL	189	182	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	33,161	33,237	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19000	<b>Cowichan Valley</b>	RD	78,471	79,564	80,971	81,790	82,846	83,300
19012	Duncan	C	5,035	4,978	4,995	5,014	4,985	4,900
19021	Ladysmith	T <sup>1</sup>	7,837	7,899	8,066	8,128	8,240	8,328
19016	Lake Cowichan	T <sup>1</sup>	2,973	2,962	3,025	3,186	3,183	3,140
19008	North Cowichan	DM	28,408	28,801	29,249	29,530	29,828	30,125
19999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	34,418	34,924	35,636	35,932	36,610	36,807
1000	<b>East Kootenay</b>	RD	56,097	57,043	58,799	60,039	60,251	60,301
1043	Canal Flats	VL	701	747	783	818	826	813
1022	Cranbrook	C <sup>1</sup>	18,493	18,585	18,938	19,185	19,117	18,932
1003	Elkford	DM	2,517	2,518	2,559	2,606	2,705	2,730
1012	Fernie	C <sup>1</sup>	4,289	4,293	4,367	4,420	4,409	4,458
1039	Invermere	DM	3,046	3,184	3,485	3,672	3,617	3,653
1028	Kimberley	C	6,184	6,323	6,523	6,713	6,646	6,683
1040	Radium Hot Springs	VL	738	892	973	1,008	1,015	1,028
1006	Sparwood	DM	3,680	3,704	3,780	3,809	3,770	3,778
1999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	16,449	16,797	17,411	17,810	18,146	18,226
9000	<b>Fraser Valley</b>	RD	266,727	271,284	276,316	280,554	284,913	286,981
9052	Abbotsford	C <sup>1</sup>	129,345	131,250	133,547	138,031	138,139	139,343
9020	Chilliwack	C	71,298	73,300	74,943	76,200	77,953	78,898
9027	Harrison Hot Springs	VL	1,578	1,584	1,597	1,596	1,597	1,597
9009	Hope	DM	6,243	6,161	6,203	6,277	6,320	6,201
9032	Kent	DM	5,318	5,341	5,461	5,522	5,578	5,535
9056	Mission	DM	35,741	36,283	36,758	37,213	37,563	37,372
9999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	17,204	17,365	17,807	17,715	17,763	18,035
53000	<b>Fraser-Fort George</b>	RD	94,416	94,918	95,402	95,769	96,548	96,928
53033	Mackenzie	DM	4,616	4,534	4,255	3,831	3,705	3,738
53012	McBride	VL	661	659	678	675	677	697
53023	Prince George	C	72,890	73,346	73,899	74,639	75,546	75,828
53007	Valemount	VL	1,018	1,007	1,015	1,045	1,062	1,070
53999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	15,231	15,372	15,555	15,579	15,558	15,595

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SGC	Name	Area Type						2010-2011	
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
15000	Greater Vancouver	RD	<b>2,199,124</b>	<b>2,237,211</b>	<b>2,272,977</b>	<b>2,320,576</b>	<b>2,373,941</b>	<b>2,404,911</b>	<b>1.3</b>
15038	Anmore	VL	1,887	2,030	2,122	2,162	2,202	2,265	2.9
15036	Belcarra	VL	688	679	688	682	690	689	-0.1
15062	Bowen Island	IM	3,468	3,522	3,582	3,613	3,677	3,716	1.1
15025	Burnaby	C	210,507	214,938	218,440	223,076	227,323	229,464	0.9
15034	Coquitlam	C	119,582	120,260	121,574	123,362	126,558	127,785	1.0
15011	Delta	DM	99,490	99,302	99,523	99,984	99,971	100,094	0.1
15002	Langley, City of	C	24,899	25,169	25,388	25,557	25,850	26,119	1.0
15001	Langley District Municipality	DM	96,792	99,020	101,435	103,394	104,666	105,747	1.0
15065	Lions Bay	VL	1,406	1,403	1,398	1,400	1,394	1,408	1.0
15075	Maple Ridge	DM	71,453	72,508	73,988	75,143	76,396	77,402	1.3
15029	New Westminster	C	60,533	61,783	63,783	65,096	66,873	67,880	1.5
15051	North Vancouver, City of	C	46,910	47,282	47,783	48,941	50,711	51,083	0.7
15046	North Vancouver District Municipality	DM	85,472	85,974	86,114	86,832	88,345	88,678	0.4
15070	Pitt Meadows	C <sup>1</sup>	16,297	16,584	17,434	17,937	18,131	18,355	1.2
15039	Port Coquitlam	C	54,538	54,976	55,574	56,516	57,414	57,646	0.4
15043	Port Moody	C	28,747	29,947	31,511	33,039	33,923	34,488	1.7
15015	Richmond	C	182,652	188,395	189,084	193,491	196,801	197,631	0.4
15004	Surrey	C	412,734	422,915	434,583	447,106	462,211	473,238	2.4
15022	Vancouver	C	599,765	609,974	615,888	628,600	642,657	651,048	1.3
15055	West Vancouver	DM	42,863	42,977	42,915	43,381	44,046	44,096	0.1
15007	White Rock	C	18,916	18,998	18,901	19,126	19,272	19,313	0.2
15999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	19,525	20,575	21,289	22,158	24,830	26,766	7.8
49000	Kitimat-Stikine	RD <sup>5</sup>	<b>38,803</b>	<b>38,322</b>	<b>39,131</b>	<b>39,476</b>	<b>39,632</b>	<b>39,702</b>	<b>0.2</b>
49022	Hazelton	VL	293	296	298	305	302	314	4.0
49005	Kitimat	DM	9,328	9,096	9,182	9,238	9,176	9,098	-0.9
49024	New Hazelton	DM	627	610	611	605	603	617	2.3
49032	Stewart	DM	496	481	510	491	495	499	0.8
49011	Terrace	C	11,475	11,358	11,553	11,689	11,927	12,044	1.0
49999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR <sup>1</sup>	16,584	16,481	16,977	17,148	17,129	17,130	0.0
5000	Kootenay-Boundary	RD	<b>30,826</b>	<b>31,393</b>	<b>32,018</b>	<b>32,150</b>	<b>31,877</b>	<b>31,851</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
5005	Fruitvale	VL	1,968	2,010	2,049	2,034	2,012	2,022	0.5
5032	Grand Forks	C	4,059	4,104	4,184	4,155	3,997	3,917	-2.0
5042	Greenwood	C	625	633	668	677	685	692	1.0
5037	Midway	VL	621	643	662	658	663	669	0.9
5009	Montröse	VL	1,018	1,023	1,046	1,044	1,046	1,047	0.1
5023	Rossland	C	3,278	3,333	3,476	3,536	3,553	3,563	0.3
5014	Trail	C	7,248	7,366	7,365	7,362	7,240	7,260	0.3
5018	Warfield	VL	1,739	1,794	1,799	1,813	1,808	1,801	-0.4
5999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	10,270	10,487	10,769	10,871	10,873	10,880	0.1
43000	Mount Waddington	RD	<b>11,962</b>	<b>11,915</b>	<b>11,956</b>	<b>12,058</b>	<b>12,051</b>	<b>12,034</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
43008	Alert Bay	VL	477	476	487	479	485	485	0.0
43017	Port Alice	VL	828	841	843	843	842	837	-0.6
43023	Port Hardy	DM	3,976	3,925	3,933	3,991	3,949	3,917	-0.8
43012	Port McNeill	T	2,681	2,655	2,605	2,622	2,647	2,633	-0.5
43999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	4,000	4,018	4,088	4,123	4,128	4,162	0.8
21000	Nanaimo	RD	<b>141,246</b>	<b>143,008</b>	<b>145,891</b>	<b>148,042</b>	<b>149,643</b>	<b>150,632</b>	<b>0.7</b>
21008	Lantzville	DM	3,685	3,721	3,745	3,701	3,688	3,641	-1.3
21007	Nanaimo	C	80,757	81,464	82,763	84,331	85,487	86,961	1.7
21018	Parksville	C	11,090	11,315	11,617	11,798	11,828	11,584	-2.1
21023	Qualicum Beach	T	8,516	8,619	8,754	8,776	8,727	8,646	-0.9
21999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	37,198	37,889	39,012	39,436	39,913	39,800	-0.3

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SGC	Name	Area Type	2010-2011					
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
37000	<b>North Okanagan</b>	RD	78,877	80,118	81,819	83,260	83,115	83,052
37028	Armstrong	C	4,342	4,350	4,468	4,539	4,513	4,413
37010	Coldstream	DM	9,674	9,904	10,155	10,402	10,286	10,319
37033	Enderby	C	2,845	2,869	2,890	2,910	2,923	2,936
37005	Lumby	VL <sup>1</sup>	1,658	1,710	1,754	1,806	1,815	1,863
37024	Spallumcheen	DM	4,991	4,983	5,017	5,135	5,152	5,155
37014	Vernon	C <sup>1</sup>	36,922	37,554	38,348	39,018	38,883	38,990
37999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	18,445	18,748	19,187	19,452	19,543	19,376
59000	<b>Northern Rockies (See Notes)</b>	RD	6,298	6,125	6,062	6,010	6,207	6,324
59005	Fort Nelson	T <sup>1</sup>	4,612	4,457	4,399	N/A	N/A	N/A
59007	Northern Rockies Regional Municipality	RGM <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,565	5,742	5,855
59999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR <sup>1</sup>	1,686	1,688	1,683	445	465	469
7000	<b>Okanagan-Similkameen</b>	RD	80,351	81,329	82,388	83,474	82,735	82,644
7009	Keremeos	VL	1,289	1,325	1,462	1,514	1,518	1,531
7014	Oliver	T <sup>1</sup>	4,374	4,450	4,594	4,788	4,549	4,478
7005	Osoyoos	T	4,790	4,928	5,045	5,196	5,201	5,210
7041	Penticton	C	32,544	32,857	32,980	33,291	33,068	33,098
7024	Princeton	T	2,685	2,596	2,722	2,761	2,994	3,073
7035	Summerland	DM	10,911	11,013	11,143	11,257	11,004	10,942
7999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	23,758	24,060	24,442	24,667	24,403	24,312
55000	<b>Peace River</b>	RD	59,330	60,220	61,005	62,290	63,351	64,280
55010	Chetwynd	DM	2,722	2,638	2,640	2,680	2,713	2,706
55014	Dawson Creek	C <sup>1</sup>	11,094	11,290	11,422	11,528	11,858	12,257
55034	Fort St. John	C	17,933	18,394	18,798	19,481	19,887	20,408
55025	Hudson's Hope	DM	1,012	1,009	1,031	1,052	1,058	1,055
55005	Pouce Coupe	VL <sup>1</sup>	738	744	738	747	792	804
55030	Taylor	DM	1,386	1,403	1,469	1,483	1,497	1,501
55003	Tumbler Ridge	DM	2,491	2,434	2,441	2,421	2,428	2,436
55999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	21,954	22,308	22,468	22,898	23,142	23,113
27000	<b>Powell River</b>	RD	19,694	19,793	20,029	20,232	20,449	20,525
27008	Powell River	C	13,027	13,145	13,285	13,355	13,570	13,597
27806	Sechelt Ind Gov Dist (Part)	IGD <sup>3</sup>	17	17	18	18	18	18
27999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	6,650	6,631	6,726	6,859	6,861	6,910
47000	<b>Skeena-Queen Charlotte</b>	RD	19,981	19,757	19,625	19,462	19,492	19,482
47023	Masset	VL	947	937	913	930	920	924
47030	Port Clements	VL	443	450	461	454	456	457
47007	Port Edward	DM	581	577	585	571	571	566
47012	Prince Rupert	C	13,072	12,907	12,832	12,862	12,990	12,935
47026	Village of Queen Charlott	VL	950	951	952	962	959	952
47999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	3,988	3,935	3,882	3,683	3,596	3,648
31000	<b>Squamish-Lillooet</b>	RD	36,628	37,129	37,853	39,257	40,344	41,379
31026	Lillooet	DM	2,355	2,318	2,373	2,370	2,367	2,367
31012	Pemberton	VL	2,349	2,359	2,339	2,419	2,437	2,399
31006	Squamish	DM	15,495	15,982	16,586	17,202	17,892	18,712
31020	Whistler	RM <sup>1</sup>	9,796	9,750	9,688	10,241	10,528	10,437
31999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	6,633	6,720	6,867	7,025	7,120	7,464
57000	<b>Stikine</b>	R <sup>4</sup>	1,130	1,152	675	644	614	581
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SGC	Name	Area Type							2010-2011 % Change
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
24000	Strathcona Regional Dist. (See Notes)	RD <sup>4</sup>	N/A	N/A	43,796	44,244	44,373	44,498	0.3
24034	Campbell River	C <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	31,006	31,367	31,571	31,771	0.6
24025	Gold River	VL	N/A	N/A	1,425	1,426	1,410	1,386	-1.7
24039	Sayward	VL	N/A	N/A	329	332	334	339	1.5
24030	Tahsis	VL	N/A	N/A	380	381	380	372	-2.1
24029	Zeballos	VL	N/A	N/A	174	162	166	171	3.0
24999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR <sup>4</sup>	N/A	N/A	10,482	10,576	10,512	10,459	-0.5
29000	Sunshine Coast	RD	27,959	28,592	29,202	29,588	29,975	30,357	1.3
29005	Gibsons	T	4,212	4,336	4,361	4,453	4,414	4,450	0.8
29011	Sechelt	DM	8,501	8,767	9,017	9,176	9,494	9,727	2.5
29803	Sechelt Ind Gov Dist (Part)	IGD <sup>3</sup>	827	814	815	832	827	807	-2.4
29999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	14,419	14,675	15,009	15,127	15,240	15,373	0.9
33000	Thompson-Nicola	RD	125,648	127,345	130,221	131,839	131,601	132,352	0.6
33019	Ashcroft	VL	1,671	1,722	1,741	1,742	1,755	1,756	0.1
33074	Barriere	DM <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A	1,725	1,723	1,712	1,693	-1.1
33024	Cache Creek	VL	1,045	1,058	1,085	1,085	1,084	1,087	0.3
33054	Chase	VL	2,439	2,409	2,469	2,481	2,487	2,497	0.4
33067	Clear Water	DM <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A	2,382	2,364	2,355	2,314	-1.7
33028	Clinton	VL	578	573	597	598	603	609	1.0
33042	Kamloops	C <sup>1</sup>	83,129	84,383	86,200	87,124	87,085	87,654	0.7
33035	Logan Lake	DM	2,198	2,194	2,198	2,193	2,207	2,215	0.4
33015	Lytton	VL	235	231	226	226	226	224	-0.9
33006	Merritt	C	7,338	7,393	7,455	7,460	7,283	7,230	-0.7
33045	Sun Peaks Mountain	VL <sup>2</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	396	405	2.3
33999	Unincorporated Areas	RDR	27,015	27,382	24,143	24,843	24,408	24,668	1.1
<b>British Columbia</b>			<b>4,243,580</b>	<b>4,309,632</b>	<b>4,384,047</b>	<b>4,459,947</b>	<b>4,529,647</b>	<b>4,573,321</b>	<b>1.0</b>

**Source:**

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**Notes:**

RD = Regional District, R = Region, RDR = Regional District Unincorporated Area, RM = Resort Municipality, IGD = Indian Government District, C = City, T = Town, VL = Village, DM = District Municipality, IM = Island Municipality, RGM = Regional Municipality.

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<sup>1</sup> Denotes a boundary or status change between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> New incorporations: Clearwater on Dec 3, 2007; Barriere on Dec 4, 2007; West Kelowna (formerly Westside) on Dec 6, 2007; Northern Rockies Regional Municipality on Feb 6, 2009; Sun Peaks Resort Municipality on Jun 28, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> The Sechelt Indian Government District is split between two Regional Districts, thus the two table occurrences here.

<sup>4</sup> Comox Strathcona RD split into Comox RD and Strathcona RD Feb 15, 2008.

<sup>5</sup> Dease Lake area incorporated into Kitimat-Stikine RD (from Stikine) on June 21, 2007.

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BC		4,592.0	0.9
Canada		34,605.3	1.0
GDP and INCOME (Released Nov 8)		2010	% change on one year ago
(BC - at market prices)			
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (\$ millions)		203,147	5.9
GDP (\$ 2002 millions)		167,140	3.0
GDP (\$ 2002 per Capita) (reflects revised pop)		36,899	1.4
Personal Disposable Income (\$ 2002 per Capita)		26,166	2.2
TRADE (\$ millions, seasonally adjusted)			% change on prev. month
Manufacturing Shipments - Nov 2011		3,206	0.9
Merchandise Exports - Nov 2011		2,895	7.2
Retail Sales - Oct 2011		5,065	1.7
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX		% change on one year ago	12-month avg % change
(all items - Dec 2011)			
BC		1.7	2.3
Vancouver		1.9	2.3
Victoria		1.5	2.2
Canada		2.3	2.9
LABOUR FORCE (thousands)		Dec 2011	% change on prev. month
(seasonally adjusted)			
Jobs Created (-Lost) - BC		10.7	
Labour Force - BC		2,465.5	0.4
Employed - BC		2,293.0	0.5
Unemployed - BC		172.5	0.1
			Nov 2011
Unemployment Rate - BC (percent)		7.0	7.0
Unemployment Rate - Canada (percent)		7.5	7.4
INTEREST RATES (percent)		Jan 18/2012	Jan 19/2011
Prime Business Rate		3.00	3.00
Conventional Mortgages - 1 year		3.50	3.35
- 5 year		5.29	5.19
US-CANADA EXCHANGE RATE		Jan 18/2012	Jan 19/2011
(avg. noon spot rate) Cdn \$ per US \$		1.0140	0.9939
(closing rate) US \$ per Cdn \$		0.9889	1.0045
AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE			% change on one year ago
(Industrial aggregate - dollars)		Dec 2011	
BC		854.88	4.6
Canada		853.57	2.9
SOURCES:			
Population, Gross Domestic Product, Trade, Prices, Labour Force, Wage Rate	Statistics Canada		
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